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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TETSUJIRO KONDO : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 10/550,731 :
FILED: SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 :
FOR: DATA ENCODING APPARATUS, :
DATA ENCODING METHOD,
DATA OUTPUT APPARATUS,
DATA OUTPUT METHOD, SIGNAL
PROCESSING SYSTEM, SIGNAL
PROCESSING APPARATUS,
SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD,
DATA DECODING APPARATUS,
AND DATA DECODING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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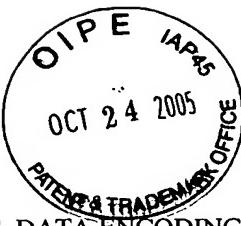
Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Preliminary Amendment/Letter Submitting Replacement Drawing Sheets (Fig. 50)

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
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